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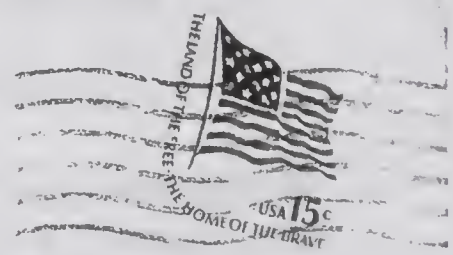

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Please send your copy, comments, ads, etc. as early as possible so that we can plan accordingly.

Dis and Dat from Here and Dere

Thank you - a big thanks to Norm Peterson. He knows I collect old St. Patrick's Day postcards. He spotted a couple in Big Rapids and sent them to me.

Wow! Look at gold and silver prices - up and down and up and down. It has helped some beat inflation - bullion up - dollar down - vice versa - where will it end?

More evil done under guise of religion than any other single issue - maybe we need tokens "good for the soul, let's help one another - not harm each other".

There are many tokens and metals, beautiful in design and symbolism. I wonder which Michigan Token could win a beauty contest?

Mine checks used to be given out to workers. Some mines used them as tool crib checks. Each member had its specific owner. Some mines used them as payroll identification. A miner's wife would present the check to th payroll office and would receive her husbanc's check. A long time ago, I remember picking up my uncle's check using the mine check. I have several in my collection - White Pine, Allouez (this was 2 miles deep and famous for air blasts), Kearsarge, Centennial, Quincy. You can purchase a Quincy when you visit the "Hoist" on top of Quincy Hill in Hancock, cost - $2.00. This was the largest steam hoist in the world.

From the Editor's Desk

We have completed a coin room on our house. I finally have it in some semblance of organization. One drawer of an old commode I bought is for "Junk Box material and letters". If any of your correspondence got lost, please be patient. Now that I have a constant place for material, nothing, I hope, will get lost.

July Issue - the membership list will be included.

No picnic details yet.

President's Message

Dear Editor Larry and All Mich-Tammers: March, 1980

Two important dates for us to keep in mind this spring and summer are April 20 and July 27, both on a Sunday. These are tentative but probable. The State Show of MSNS at Kalamazoo should be a good one and if all goes well we shall have our meet there on the Sunday when other meetings will not interrupt our business and trading. That Sunday is April 20.

Our annual summer picnic date is usually the last Sunday in July and that date will be the 27th. We shall not meet this year with Marie and Bill Johnson, bless their hearts. We imposed on them these several summers and they were so gracious and we had such good sessions. Now it's time to meet elsewhere and we have some fine suggestions and an invitation or two. Also, 3 or 4 town-halls are available. Mel Reiter's farm invitation near East Lansing would be wonderful if we can arrange tables. Keep your ears open and we shall let you know where.

My belated thanks to all you folks for your many kindnesses, to Alice Penzes for the copy of the fall meeting, to Mel Reiter for chairing that event, to Larry Eastley for becoming editor and to Paul Cunningham on behalf of Mich-TAMS for sending me the membership aware, a book I'd been wanting to have, the Dusterburg Book of Inaugural Medals.

Thanks to Bob Williams in Ferndale for the invitation to the traders session at his home. When exonumia traders get together it is always a fun day and my conflict meeting caused me to miss it. Thanks to Cliff Temple for the birth tokens of his grandchildren, both the Patrick mint bronze and the pink plastic. Also for the German calendar depicting the odd and curious moneys of the world. I am grateful to Herb Wright of Brighton for selling me his lots of tokens and medals, three times, when he decided to sell his collections of many years. This last group gives me a start again now that most of my collectibles were taken in our house robbery in January. That was a shocker.

We are grateful that our household was left intact, except for a suitcase and a laundry basket likely used to carry out my goodies and my library and equipment I shall have. Four cases were smashed, three are repairable. One of the burglars is now serving time in Jackson State Prison, having had prior convictions and I guess the judge, having heard of our robbery gave him 3 to 10 at his last trial. The other one is free and so is all my stuff and I doubt I'll ever see that material again tho'. It would seem that one day surely some of my hundreds of identifiable items will show up at some trading session inasmuch as they are "Michigan items".

I had done considerable trading at the coin show the day before that Monday noon they broke in and that Monday morning early I'd hauled out only the items I'd taken in trade. They were laying on my desk. From Herb Sayre, former head of the political collectors in Michigan I'd gotten 25 or 30 of the best early good-fors and trade tokens you've seen in a long time, some politicals and odd-ball items, a box of lead railroad tokens and especially a 1937 Sitdown Strike medal with the Detroit Free Press clipping telling of the Ford trouble.

This medal still had Bob Williams' writing on the 2x2 holder, it was about half-dollar size, probably nickel, with an irregular shaped border. I had the maverick tokens, odd shapes and denominations and metals, in alphabetical order ready to study, with the Sit Down Strike medal, all on top of my desk. They cleaned my desk.

Thanks for contributions
Keep it up. Larry

Strangely, my good case full of politicals, including some medals and Bryan money, they didn't even take nor did they take my case of military insignia. My collection of Detroit Coin Club medals in a box were partially covered with some newspapers. I guess they didn't see that box.

The lead tokens, round and slightly larger than a dime, are stamped D & M for the most part. Two pieces have only a B on both obverse and reverse. One piece is uniface with T G stamped on the one side. Marie Johnson knew about the D & M tokens, says they are early tokens of the Detroit and Mackinac Railroad.

Jim Krucki says the listing of Michigan centennial and celebration pieces he is working on with Ed Bawden is coming along well. Good!

May the rest of 1980, and the whole decade, be a great one for all of you collectors and researchers.

Gratefully,

Chester F. Clark
President

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Results of Survey - Collecting Specialities

Brian Altman	-	Life Member - British Bungtown Coppers of George II-III and Canadian tokens.
Rich Hartzog	-	Illinois and Wisconsin CWT, Hard Times, Ill. 1/4 Sales Tax, Pre-1900- Ill. Tokens, Ill. encased, Good Luck, Swastika.
Jack Schwartz	-	Jewish Medals and Tokens.
Hascall Peirce	-	Dealer, Holland - Everything and Good source for what rest of us need.
Roberta Peirce	-	Transportation Tokens, IOOF Medals and Ribbons.
Bob Williams	-	Ferndale Dealer - will buy, sell, trade.
Dennis Wierzba	-	Mich. and Wis. CWT, political - 1860-64.
Paul Jensen	-	Coal and lumber - all states.
Henry Burke	-	Misc. tokens and medals, elongated, wooden nickels.
Alice O'Dell	-	Merchant tokens, Civil War - Mich. Cen. Tokens.
John Pratt	-	Jackson CWT, Jackson, Mich. merchants, magician, political and coal tokens.
Mrs. Robert Condo	-	General
Agnar Wahlberg	-	CCC, Exomunia of all kinds.
Gaylor Lipscomb	-	Ohio tokens - all kinds.
Freddie Haeffner	-	Medals, badges of AMA, artillery, cannon on medals and tokens.

Results of Survey - Collecting Specialities, continued

Judy Terbrock	-	Medals and badges of AMA.
Ed. Bawden	-	Mich. Trade, Trans., Parking, Commemoratives, bread, sales tax, political, school lunch, insurance, etc.
David Davis	-	Ypsilanti - CWT, Love tokens, on U. S. Silver - 1794-1837 - Anything - 1938.
Don Stewart	-	Yukon and northwest territories, Hudson Bay Co., Alberta, British Columbia, Trans. Indian Traders, Alaska.
Robert Budzn	-	Worlds Fair and Expositions and all others of interest to him.
Lawrence Falater	-	Mich. bank tokens, Mich. Civil War - other tokens and paper money of Michigan.
Ann Baxter	-	Elongated and everything in general.
Steve and Alice Penzes	-	Dog tags and others - plus elongated.
Larry Eastley	-	Mich. Civil War - Copper Country area of Michigan.

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Thanks to contributors - Mel Reiter, Dennis Wierzba and all.

Condolences to President Chester in regard to his robbery. This is a problem for all of us

Hope Ray Olson is feeling better and hope this letter finds all of you in good health.

Sorry I couldn't attend the State meeting at Kalamazoo on Saturday, April 19. Had looked forward to this meeting.

Start saving for Alice, our cheerful secretary, owl figurines and Detroit Tiger items. Her husband, Steve, has Michigan Script and Ration Tokens. Hey, do you trade each other or do you collect jointly?

To Chester: I bet you have some good tales to tell about down under. I also bet you picked up a lot of good tokens. Chet, find me a Mason and Chelsea Civil War Storecard. I don't ever expect to get the 5 biggies but 50 towns of 55 will be okay.

From Mel Reiter -

There are two dairy tokens occasionally seen from Highland Park Creamery. The one: Highland/Park/Creamery//Good for/5¢/ with bottle (round brass 26 mm.) is from Highland Park, Michigan. But the other: Highland/Park/Creamery//Good for/5¢/when returned/with bottle (octagonal aluminum 25 mm.) is from Highland Park, California. It is listed by Album as LA 410 B and by Kappen as Highland Park 2.

The parking token from St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing, Michigan, contains a spelling error which seems to have escaped attention. LAWRENCE is spelled on the token as LAWERENCE. The token is unlisted in the latest edition of Feisel's book.

Mel's specialty, as you can see, is Dairy Tokens.

Anyone interested in an auction in the July Bulletin, let me know. Put up a Mason and Chelsea somebody.

Next issue will list exonumia dealers also if you desire. Send me names.

NOTES ON MICHIGAN CIVIL WAR TOKENS NO. 2

MI225BO-4a-Listed as a R4 mule in Notes #1, an entry in Charles Clark's 1863 Gazetter lists a 251 Gratoit address for John Schroder (same address as on MI225AA, Farmers Clothing Store). An advertisement for Farmer's Clothing Emporium John Schroeder & Co. appears in Clark's 1865-66 directory. I believe this is sufficient evidence to eliminate the 225AA merchant listing and add the varieties to 225BO.

MI135A-Did H. D. Higgins misspell Cassopolis? Walter Romig in Michigan Place Names (an excellent reference work) states under Cassopolis "incorporated as a village in 1863; first spelled Cassapolis, its first newspaper, the National Democrat, changed it to Cassopolis in 1865."

MI595A-A little bit of the history of Maple Rapids, from Walter Roming in Michigan Place Names--"..William A. Hewett bought the land from Solomon Moss and others; in 1853, he built a dam, a sawmill and a store, and platted the village; the plat was not recorded until the village was replatted in 1867; Mr. Hewett became the first postmaster on Feb. 24, 1857, when the Essex post office was transferred here; incorporated as a village in 1881." (MI595A was issued by Isaac Hewitt, presumably a relative of the prominent William Hewett.)

MI225AJA-(NO CITY IDENTIFICATION in Notes #1) Clark's 1865-66 directory lists under Detroit "Heineman, E.S. & Co., 5 and 7 Fort W., and under Russell House."

MI225AG-MI225AE and MI225AF should be treated as varieties of 225AG. See excellent article by David Gladfelter (JCWTS V9 N4).

OVERRATED TOKENS-Being a collector for several years of Michigan CWT, I have noticed that some tokens appear more often than their rarity would suggest. My list of overrated tokens is as follows:

FULD NUMBER	PRESENT RARITY	MY OPINION
MI225F-2a	R8	R6
MI225AE-3a	R9	R5
MI225AG-1a	R7	R3
MI225AG-3a	R8	R4
MI280B-1a	R7	R4
MI280B-2a	R7	R5
MI440A-4a	R9	R7
MI450G-7a	R4	R3
MI525C-3a	R9	R5
MI530G-2a	R9	R5
MI610B-3a	R8	R4
MI610C-3a	R7	R4
MI610C-4a	R7	R4
MI700D-4a	R9	R8
MI770B-2a	R8	R6
MI845A-1a	R8	R7
MI960A-12a	R8	R6
MI960B-2a	R8	R5
MI960B-4a	R8	R5

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MICHIGAN COMMEMORATIVE NOTES

PURPOSE

The purpose of this page is to provide the membership with information concerning past and future commemorative issues by Michigan communities, businesses, religious groups, social groups, etc.. To achieve that goal I am going to need a lot of help. It is hoped that members who hear of these kind of issues will share it with the membership by writing to me so I can include it on this page. It is also hoped that information concerning the significance of obverse and reverse designs will be forthcoming as well as historical notes about the celebration itself.

GOLD ISSUES

Gold has been used only a few times in community activity issues. Two of these issues were 14-karat gold and the others gold plated.

In 1970, Oakland County minted one medal in gold to commemorate their 150th anniversary. According to Cliff Temple, the medal is in the pocession of the County.

In 1979 the Albion Festival of the Forks committee ordered four gold coins made. Three of these were for private buyers and the fourth was raffled off by the committee during the festival as a fund raiser. These coins were trade dollars and their issue price was $250. In addition, the 1979 committee issued two gold plated over silver coins.

Other gold plated over silver issues include those for the city of Wayne's centennial in 1969 and Grand Haven's Coast Guard Festival in 1972. The number made and their issue price is unknown at this time.

MICHIGAN COMMUNITY ACTIVITY MEDAL CATALOG

A catalog of Michigan community activity medals is in the works. Jim Krucki is compiling the list with valuable contributions from Ed Bawden, Jim Curto, George Hatie, Pete Hartley, Norm Peterson, George Stenson and Cliff Temple. So far over 375 issues have been cataloged. If you think you might have something to add in the way of additional issues or suggestions as to the format of the catalog please let Jim know.

A MICHIGAN TWO-DOLLAR TRADE COIN

A couple of historic firsts for Michigan community activity medals are being contemplated by the 1980 Albion Festival of the Forks committee. The committee is discussing the issue of a two-dollar trade coin. In addition, because of the high cost of silver, the use of pewter is being considered. All of this is still in the planning stage. More details about the 1980 issues when they are available.

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NEWS RELEASE NEWS RELEASE

ALBION COIN CLUB

ALBION, MICHIGAN 49224

The Albion Michigan Coin Club has issued a special wooden 5¢ TUIT nickel to promote its 18th annual coin show which will be held Sunday, September 16, 1979 at the Harrington School in Albion. Designed by show chairman Frank Passic, wooden token collectors should find the design unique as it combines the traditional Indian/Buffalo head with the conversational TUIT piece, creating an interesting wooden token indeed.

A description is as follows: OBVERSE. At top, an Indian facing left, with "5¢" on each side of the head. In the center, a large "TUIT." (...if you haven't gotten A ROUND TUIT yet, attend the Albion Coin Show...)At the bottom appears a buffalo surrounded on the side by "WOODEN NICKEL." REVERSE. Around the top edge the inscription, "ALBION MICHIGAN COIN CLUB," in the center, "18th Annual COIN SHOW Harrington School S. Clark St." At the bottom, "Sunday September 16, 1979."

Printed with green ink, these regular size wooden tokens are available from the club for 25¢ each, plus a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope, while they last. Write: Albion Coin Club c/o Frank Passic, 900 S. Eaton St., Albion, Michigan 49224

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Some selected wooden tokens from previous years are still available for 25¢ each, though supply is limited. The years and items still available are as follows:

1969: Special 2 1/2 X 5" flat wooden piece issued to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Gardner House Museum, the Festival of the Forks, and the Albion Coin Show. The obverse features a picture of the Gardner House, and a two paragraph history of that building. Each piece is individually serial numbered. Reverse: A two paragraph history of Albion, And the Albion Coin Show dates. (These sell for 50¢ each)

1971: A. Indian obverse, facing left. Reverse: Albion Coin Club 10th anniversary September 19, 1971 Albion, Michigan.
B. Buffalo obverse, same.

1973: A. Indian obverse, facing left. Reverse: Albion Coin Club Show Reg. Club Meetings 4th Monday ea. Mo. Michigan Ave 7:30 City Bank & Trust Sept. 16, 1973 Albion, Mi.
B. Buffalo obverse, same.

1974: A. Indian obverse, same as 1973, but dated September 15, 1974.
B. Buffalo obverse, same.

1975: A. Indian obverse, same, b t dated September 21, 1975.
B. Buffalo obverse, same.

1978: Special 2" green token featuring on the obverse the reverse of the U.S. 2¢ piece, which was minted by the U.S. from 1864-1873. The reverse, advertising the show, contains the text, "17th Annual Albion Coin Show Sunday September 17, 1978 Albion Michigan, 25 Dealers, Over 30 Exhibits. Welcome."

All other tokens issued by the Albion Coin Club are now sold out.